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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

Thomas A. Dillon, Independent Fiduciary of  
Employers Mutual Plans,

Plaintiff,

v.

James Lee Graf; et al.

Defendants.

CV-N-03-0119-HDM-VPC

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**DEFENDANTS' FED. R. CIV. PRO. 12(B)(6)**  
**MOTION TO DISMISS FOR LACK OF STANDING**

Defendants, by and through designated Joint Defense Committee, move this Court to dismiss each of Plaintiff's claims pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. Pro 12(b)(6) and 17(a) because the Independent Fiduciary lacks standing to assert each of the stated causes of action as alleged against these defendant wholesale and retail insurance producers.

This motion is made and based on the supporting Memorandum of Points and Authorities and all papers and pleadings of record herein as well as those filed in the related case Chao v. James Graf, et. al., case CV-N-01-0698, currently pending in the United States District Court,


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1 District of Nevada, before the Honorable David W. Hagen.

2 Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003.

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11 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN**  
12 **SUPPORT OF SBI's MOTION TO DISMISS**

13 Numerous wholesale and retail insurance producers have been sued in this action by the  
14 court appointed Independent Fiduciary of Employer's Mutual, LLC ("EM") a company that  
15 successfully marketed fraudulent health benefit plans (the EM Plans) which these Defendants  
16 introduced to their clients, each of whom was an employer which, by virtue of purchasing the  
17 EM Plan, established ERISA covered Employee Welfare Benefit Plans ("EWBPs") for their  
18 employees and their dependants.

19 The Fiduciary sues to recover, among other things, the value of all claims for health  
20 benefits made by Defendants' clients and their employees, which were unpaid by Employer's  
21 Mutual, LLC and its related fraudulent entities. The Fiduciary alleges causes of action for  
22 breach of contract, professional malpractice and breach of warranty of authority against the  
23 wholesale and retail insurance producers.

24 The Fiduciary lacks standing to pursue these causes of action because he was only vested  
with plenary authority to marshal the assets of the fraudulent and now bankrupt EM, its related  
Associations and the EM Plans, which are separate and distinct from the EWBPs created by  
Defendants' clients. In short, the Fiduciary, standing as he does in the shoes of the company that  
created the fraudulent EM Plans, cannot recover as an "asset" of those plans, the very damages

1 created by its own fraud. Rather, that right of action properly belongs to the unpaid care  
2 providers and members of the EWBPs, which are governed by the Employee Retirement and  
3 Income Security Act, ERISA, 29 USC § 1001, *et. seq.*

#### 4 I. FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

5 The following facts are derived largely from the court documents filed in the related Chao v.  
6 Graf case, CV-N-01-0698 (D. Nev.) currently pending before the Hon. David Hagen.<sup>1</sup>

- 7 1. EM was incorporated in Nevada on July 28, 2000 by Kokott and Angelos, both named as  
8 RICO defendants in the present action.
- 9 2. Between December 27, 2000 and February 15, 2001, Kokott and Angelos also  
10 established 16 employer association organizations (the Associations).
- 11 3. Each of the Associations purported to create and offer for sale a self-funded health  
12 benefit plan (the "EM Plans"). Each of the EM Plans was a PPO-style network of health  
13 care providers, with defined health benefits and premium structure. Each Association  
14 contractually appointed EM as the trustee for each of the EM Plans. See Order, February  
15 1, 2002.
- 16 4. The Associations then contracted with Associated Agents of America ("AAA") and the  
17 American Benefit Society ("ABS") wholesale insurance producers, each of which  
18 provided access to hundreds of "retail insurance producers"<sup>2</sup> that could introduce the EM  
19 Plans to qualifying employers around the country.  
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21 <sup>1</sup> Of particular worth are the following pleadings filed in Chao v. Graf: The Secretary of Labor's (Plaintiff's)  
22 Supplemental Brief in Support of Application for Preliminary Injunction (filed January 25, 2002); the District  
Court's Temporary Injunction Orders dated December 13, 2001 and February 2, 2002, and the Independent  
23 Fiduciary's Motion for Order Establishing Quasi-Bankruptcy And For Other Relief, with supporting Memorandum  
of Points and Authorities, Proposed Order and Declaration of Thomas Dillon, filed April 2, 2002.

24 <sup>2</sup> The term "retail insurance producer" and other terminology used in this motion is taken from the Plaintiff's  
moving papers and used in this Motion only for ease of cross reference. These Defendants reserve the right to object  
to any of the labels attached to them by the Plaintiff, once their meaning is eventually determined.

- 1 5. EM and the Associations created and provided a variety of marketing materials, including  
2 summary plan descriptions and letters from various insurance companies purporting to  
3 fund and/or insure the EM Plans. According to the Department of Labor, many, if not all,  
4 of these materials were fraudulent.
- 5 6. The retail insurance producers were induced by EM's fraudulent marketing material and  
6 representations to offer the EM Plans to their existing and new clients as a viable health  
7 benefit solution for those businesses. By purchasing the EM Plans, each of these  
8 employers, by operation of law and statute, created independent Employee Welfare  
9 Benefit Plans ("EWBPs") for their employees and their dependants.
- 10 7. By mid-2001, EM was under attack by various State Departments of Insurance and the  
11 United States Department of Labor, which later sued EM and its principals, individually,  
12 alleging jurisdiction under ERISA and seeking to shut down the EM entities after  
13 receiving multiple reports and complaints of unpaid claims and other wrongdoing.<sup>3</sup>
- 14 8. According to court documents filed in the Chao v. Graf case, EM, the Associations and  
15 the EM Plans were a carefully crafted fraudulent and criminal scheme designed to dupe  
16 others into buying their fraudulent benefit plans and to divert premiums to the principles  
17 of the EM companies for their personal use. See Injunction Order, February 1, 2002.
- 18 9. The Court found good cause for the Secretary of Labor's complaints and issued a  
19 temporary injunction, removing the principals from their positions at EM and the  
20 Associations, and freezing all corporate and personal assets.
- 21 10. In its initial Injunction Order dated December 13, 2001, the Court appointed Thomas  
22 Dillon as Independent Fiduciary of EM, the Associations and the EM Plans, to maintain  
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24 <sup>3</sup> Notably, EM operated as a functioning plan for several months, receiving, processing and paying thousands of claims for benefits.

1 the status quo pending further consideration. See Order, December 13, 2001 at p.4, para.

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3 11. The Defendants in the Chao v. Graf case contested the Court's subject matter jurisdiction,  
4 specifically alleging that ERISA did not govern EM, the Associations or the EM Plans.

5 12. The Secretary of Labor filed a supplemental brief on the issue, the reasoning of which  
6 was adopted by the Court in its February 1, 2001 Injunction Order.

7 13. The Secretary of Labor, the Graf Defendants and the Court agreed that the EM Plans  
8 created by EM and the Associations, were not plans governed by ERISA.

9 14. Nonetheless, the Court concluded that ERISA jurisdiction was proper because each of the  
10 employers who joined one of the sixteen fraudulent Associations and purchased the EM  
11 Plans, by operation of law, thereby created independent Employee Welfare Benefit Plans  
12 ("EWBPs") for their employees, all of which were governed by ERISA.<sup>4</sup>

13 15. Because EM, the Associations and the Graf defendants handled premiums and  
14 administered claims related to the independent EWBPs, they all became statutory  
15 fiduciaries of these ERISA governed plans and, thus, subject to the Court's jurisdiction.

16 16. Accordingly, the Court first asserted jurisdiction, then re-affirmed its injunction against  
17 EM, the Associations and the Graf defendants.

18 17. Further, the Court reaffirmed its appointment of Dillon as Fiduciary of "Employers  
19 Mutual, LLC, the Associations, and the Employer's Mutual Plans..." with plenary power  
20 to first determine whether these entities could continue as viable businesses and, if not,  
21 then to "collect, marshal and administer the assets of Employers Mutual, LLC, the  
22 Associations, and the Employers Mutual Plans..." See Injunction Order, February 1,  
23 2002 at pp. 22-23, paras 6 and 9.

24 <sup>4</sup> The Chao Court considered all similarly situated client employers in its ERISA analysis of their EWBPs.

- 1 18. That Order further defined the scope of the Fiduciary's authority to include pursuing "all  
2 legitimate claims Employers Mutual, the Associations, and the Employers Mutual Plans  
3 may have against Defendants or third parties...." Id. at p. 23-24, para 9.
- 4 19. Nothing in the Court's Orders of December 13, 2001 or February 1, 2002 gave the  
5 Fiduciary power or control over claims or assets held by the EWBP's, which the Court  
6 specifically recognized in its jurisdictional analysis as plans separate and distinct from the  
7 non-ERISA governed "Employer's Mutual Plans". Indeed, both Injunctions specifically  
8 state that the Fiduciary's plenary authority extends only to Employer's Mutual, the  
9 Associations and the Employer's Mutual Plans.
- 10 20. On April 12, 2002, the Fiduciary, having determined that Employer's Mutual and related  
11 entities could not continue as viable concerns, filed a Motion for Order Establishing a  
12 Quasi-Bankruptcy and for Other Relief in the Chao v. Graf case.
- 13 21. The Motion was wholly unopposed. In it, the Fiduciary first concluded that EM, the  
14 Associations and the EM Plans could not operate as viable businesses and then requested  
15 that a quasi-bankruptcy be established, ostensibly to facilitate liquidation of EM, the  
16 Associations and the EM Plans and distribute from the assets thus garnered, funds *pro*  
17 *rata* to various creditors in order of preference as proposed by the Fiduciary and  
18 contemplated by the Chao Court in its TROs.
- 19 22. The Motion included an accompanying Memorandum of Points and Authorities, a  
20 supporting declaration by the Independent Fiduciary and a proposed form of Order, also  
21 submitted by the Fiduciary, which was adopted in its entirety by Judge Hagen.
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1 23. In his Memorandum of Points and Authorities and Proposed Order, the Fiduciary makes  
2 several notable representations as to the purported extent of his authority, each of which  
3 has a direct bearing on this action and the issues presented in this Motion.

4 24. First, on page 1 of his supporting Memorandum, the Fiduciary wrongly represents to the  
5 Court that its two prior Injunction Orders “appointed Thomas Dillon as the Court’s  
6 ...Independent Fiduciary of Employers Mutual, LLC, the Associations, and the  
7 Associations’ Plans *and related employee benefit plans* (hereafter referred to collectively  
8 as the Plans).”(emphasis added).

9 25. The phrase “and related employee benefit plans” had never been included within the  
10 scope of the Fiduciary’s authority in either of the Court’s two prior injunction Orders.

11 26. The Fiduciary thus blurred the distinction between the EM Plans, over which he had  
12 previously been granted plenary authority, and the EWBP’s over which he had not, by  
13 collectively referring to both as “the plans” when, in fact, they are separate and distinct.

14 27. The Fiduciary then reinforced this error by repeatedly referring generically to “The  
15 Plans” throughout the remainder of his motion, supporting Points and Authorities,  
16 Declaration and proposed Order. See Memorandum of Points and Authorities In Support  
17 of Motion for Establishment of Quasi-Bankruptcy at p. 1.

18 28. It is from this proposed Order, which the Chao Court adopted in its entirety, that the  
19 Fiduciary now claims standing to assert the causes of action alleged against these  
20 Defendants in the present action, all of which are predicated entirely on the unpaid claims  
21 of the members of each individual EWBP and their unpaid care providers.

29. As discussed above, the Injunction Orders, and particularly the jurisdictional analysis, maintained an important distinction between the EM Plans and the EWBP, with the Fiduciary having plenary power and control only over the EM Plans.

30. Upon information and belief, no assignment of rights has been made to the Fiduciary by any of the unpaid EWBP members or their care providers, each of whom still retains legal right to pursue such claims in the future.

31. Nonetheless, the Fiduciary purports to have standing not only to marshal the assets of the fraudulent entities in whose shoes he now stands, but also to recover as an "asset" of those fraudulent entities, the full extent of the damages caused by their fraud.

32. Further, the Fiduciary has spent and continues to expend the scarce remaining assets of EM, the Associations and the EM Plans pursuing the present action rather than making any *pro rata* distribution of those remaining assets to the unpaid claim holders and other creditors of the fraudulent EM entities as contemplated in the original TROs.

## II. THE INDEPENDENT FIDUCIARY LACKS STANDING TO ASSERT ANY OF THE CLAIMS ALLEGED AGAINST THESE AND SIMILARLY SITUATED DEFENDANTS

The question of whether a party lacks standing is a legal issue subject to *de novo* review. Hong Kong Supermarket v. Kizer, 830 F.2d 1078 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1987); Bruce v. United States, 759 F.2d 755, 758 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1985). In reviewing a Rule 12(b)(6) motion to dismiss for lack of standing, this Court must accept the material allegations of the Complaint in favor of the complaining party. Warth v. Seldin, 422 U.S. 490, 501, 95 S.Ct. 2197, 2206, 45 L.Ed. 2d 343 (1975). The Court may not, however, "interpret the Complaint so liberally as to extend [its] jurisdiction beyond its constitutional limits." Hong Kong Supermarket v. Kizer, *supra*. at 1080.

As stated in the Hong Kong Supermarket case:



1 “[t]he constitutional limitations of article III contain three components: (1) a threatened  
2 or actual distinct and palpable injury to the plaintiff; (2) a fairly traceable causal  
3 connection between the alleged injury and the defendant's challenged conduct; and (3) a  
substantial likelihood that the requested relief will redress or prevent the injury.”

4 The prudential limitations require the plaintiff to (1) assert his own rights, rather than rely  
5 on the rights or interests of third parties; (2) allege an injury that is more than a  
6 generalized grievance; and (3) allege an interest that is arguably within the zone of  
interests protected or regulated by the statute or constitutional guarantee in question. *Id.*  
Failure to satisfy any of these constitutional or prudential requirements defeats standing.  
*Id.* (citing Fors v. Lehman, 741 F.2d 1130, 1132 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1984)).

7 Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 17(a) also requires that actions be brought in the name of the real party  
8 in interest. An action not brought by the real party in interest will be dismissed. See El Ranco,  
9 Inc. v. First Nat'l Bank, 406 F.2d 1205 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1968), *cert. denied*, 396 U.S. 875, 90 S.Ct. 154  
10 (1969) (dismissal where joinder not possible). Whether the Plaintiff is a real party in interest is  
11 dependent upon whether the Plaintiff is the proper party to maintain the stated causes of action  
12 under applicable State law. American Triticale, Inc. v. Nytko Services, Inc., 664 F.2d 1136 (9<sup>th</sup>  
13 Cir. 1981); see also Allstate Ins. Co. v Hughes, 2003 WL 22299378 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2003). With respect  
14 to the contract and tort claims alleged against SBI, Nevada law applies.

15 The purpose of requiring an action to be prosecuted by the real party in interest is to  
16 enable the defendant to avail himself of evidence and defenses that the defendant may have  
17 against the real party in interest and to assure him of finality in the judgment and that he will be  
18 protected against another suit brought by the real party in interest on the same matter. See  
19 Painter v. Anderson, 96 Nev. 941, 620 P.2d 1254 (Nev. 1980); see also U-Haul Intern., Inc. v.  
20 Jartran, Inc., 793 F.2d 1034 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1986). To maintain the suit of another without proper  
21 assignment or legal right is now, and always has been, held to be unlawful. See Lumiv v.  
22 Stinnett, 87 Nev. 402, 488 P.2d 347 (1971).

23 In Nevada, “an action for breach of a covenant must be prosecuted in the name of the real  
24 party in interest, and ...the real party in interest is the person entitled to the money recovered as

1 damages.” Gruber v. Baker, 23 P. 858 (Nev. 1890). Similarly, the existence of a tort claim arises  
2 by virtue of a duty of care owed by one to another, which duty is allegedly breached. See e.g.,  
3 Sorenson v. Pavlikowski, 581 P.2d 851 (Nev. 1978).

4 In this case, the Independent Fiduciary is not the real party in interest to assert the  
5 contract and tort based causes of action alleged against the wholesale or retail insurance producer  
6 defendants. Neither the Fiduciary nor the entities in whose shoes he now stands were parties to  
7 any alleged contract between these Defendants and their clients to procure valid insurance  
8 (fourth cause of action) or for warranty of authority (sixth cause of action). Further, these  
9 Defendants owed no professional duty to the Independent Fiduciary or the fraudulent entities in  
10 whose shoes he now stands to support the “insurance producer malpractice” claim (fifth cause of  
11 action). Neither were the damages sought by the Independent Fiduciary incurred by the  
12 fraudulent Employer’s Mutual entities in whose shoes he now stands. Rather it was those  
13 fraudulent entities that inflicted such damage. The legal right to recover under each of those  
14 causes of action, if any, reside only with the unpaid care providers (who have legal rights to  
15 recover the value of services provided) and the individual members of the ERISA governed  
16 EWBP (who have legal rights as ERISA beneficiaries against any fiduciary to the EWBP). See  
17 Ysetsa v. Baima, 832 F.2d 380, 384, 85 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1988) (any beneficiary or fiduciary of ERISA  
18 governed plan may sue other plan fiduciary, but relief limited to ERISA’s equitable remedies).<sup>5</sup>  
19 The EWBP are distinct and separate from the Employer’s Mutual Plans and, as set forth herein,  
20 the Independent Fiduciary was never granted plenary authority over the EWBP.

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22 <sup>5</sup> Notably, neither the wholesale or retail insurance producers are ERISA fiduciaries subject to  
23 such actions. See Concha v. London, 62 F.3d 1493 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1995). The same is not true of  
24 Employer’s Mutual, LLC, any of its sixteen Associations, or the Employer’s Mutual Plans. Id.;  
see also Judge Hagen’s jurisdictional analysis in Chao v. Graf; 29 U.S.C. § 1104 (defining plan  
fiduciaries).

1        A. THE INDEPENDENT FIDUCIARY WAS ONLY GRANTED PLENARY  
2        AUTHORITY TO MARSHALL THE ASSETS OF EMPLOYERS MUTUAL, THE  
3        ASSOCIATIONS AND THE EMPLOYERS MUTUAL PLANS, NOT THE EWBP  
4        ESTABLISHED BY SBI's CLIENTS

5        In its jurisdictional analysis, the Graf Court carefully distinguished between "The  
6        Employer's Mutual Plans," which are not ERISA governed plans and the EWBP, which are  
7        governed by ERISA. See Order, February 1, 2002 at 7-9 (holding that Employer's Mutual, LLC,  
8        the multiple employer Associations and corresponding benefit trusts were "for profit" entities not  
9        governed by ERISA).

10       As set forth above, neither of the Graf Court's injunction Orders, which created and  
11       defined the scope of the Independent Fiduciary's power, granted the Independent Fiduciary any  
12       authority over the numerous ERISA governed EWBP, which were established by each  
13       employer when they purchased any of The EM Plans for their employees. See Orders dated  
14       December 13, 2000 and February 1, 2001.

15       The EWBP and any legal rights arising therefrom (e.g., claims for breach of contract or  
16       malpractice) properly belong to the employers who created those plans and to their employees  
17       and care providers who have not been paid by EM. They do not belong to the Independent  
18       Fiduciary of the companies that fraudulently caused those damages.

19       Rather, with the Secretary of Labor having made the case that Employer's Mutual, LLC  
20       and its related entities were frauds and shams, the Court properly seized those entities (and only  
21       those entities) and installed the Independent Fiduciary to operate those entities while ascertaining  
22       their potential as viable going concerns. In other words, stop the fraud, stop the bleeding and  
23       figure out how to proceed from there. The only entities that were the target of the Secretary of  
24       Labor and the subject of the Court's Orders were Employer's Mutual, LLC, the Associations and  
25       the Employer's Mutual Plans. See id. In the event the Fiduciary determined that those entities

1 should be liquidated, which he did, he was further empowered to marshal their assets (and only  
2 their assets) including legitimate legal claims held by those entities against third parties. But he  
3 was never empowered to use EM's scarce remaining resources to pursue legal claims properly  
4 held by others.

5 The wholly distinct EWBP, which are governed by ERISA, merely provided the  
6 jurisdictional predicate necessary for the Graf Court to shut down the fraudulent entities and  
7 install the Independent Fiduciary. See id. at 8 (multiple employer trusts like the EM Plans are  
8 not ERISA EWBP, but those entities still have fiduciary duty to EWBP *established by others*).  
9 Employer's Mutual, LLC, its related entities and principles handled premiums and made claims  
10 decisions relative to the ERISA governed EWBP created by SBI's clients, thus creating a  
11 fiduciary relationship between them. See id. at 9. It was this fiduciary relationship that  
12 Employer's Mutual, LLC violated and which justified the Graf Court in seizing the Employer's  
13 Mutual entities and installing the Fiduciary.

14 As stated, the Fiduciary was properly empowered to marshal and distribute only the  
15 assets of Employer's Mutual, LLC, the Associations and the Employer's Mutual Plans. See id.  
16 at 22-23. The assets thus garnered were to be distributed to the creditors of the fraudulent  
17 entities, a class to which these Defendants and their unpaid clients all potentially belong, each  
18 having been fraudulently deprived of commissions or health benefits, respectively, by  
19 Employer's Mutual, LLC and its related fraudulent entities.

20 Instead, when the Fiduciary filed its unopposed motion and proposed Order to establish a  
21 quasi-bankruptcy, he subtly and erroneously represented that the Graf Court's prior injunction  
22 Orders also gave him authority over the "related employee welfare benefit plans." That was  
23 simply not true. The Fiduciary then cemented this inaccurate extension of his power by  
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1 thereafter collectively referring to both the EWBP's and the Employer's Mutual Plans as "The  
2 Plans" and then repeating over and over throughout his unopposed motion that he had authority  
3 over "The Plans." See Memorandum of Points and Authorities In Support of Motion For  
4 Establishment Of Quasi Bankruptcy, Chao v. Graf, at page 1.

5 Nowhere in his motion or memorandum did the Fiduciary directly address this purported  
6 extension of his power over the EWBP's. Nowhere did he explain the legal basis for usurping the  
7 legal claims properly held by the employers who established those EWBP's and their unpaid  
8 employees and care providers. The cases cited by the Fiduciary in support of his motion for  
9 quasi-bankruptcy exclusively addressed direct Fiduciary appointments to ERISA governed plans.  
10 See e.g., Cutler v. 65 Sec. Plan, 831 F. Supp. 1008, 1011 (E.D.N.Y. 1993)(ERISA governed plan  
11 seeking fiduciary appointment and quasi-bankruptcy protection); In re Consolidated Welfare  
12 Fund ERISA Litigation, 798 F. Supp. 125, 127 (S.D.N.Y. 1992) (Labor Department direct action  
13 against ERISA governed fund and appointment of fiduciary to ERISA governed fund).

14 Those cases properly invoked federal power to protect the interests of beneficiaries and  
15 participants to the ERISA plans over which the Fiduciary had been directly appointed. None of  
16 those cases supports the position that the Fiduciary of a non-ERISA plan can pursue claims on  
17 behalf of separate EWBP's whose damages were caused by the very companies over which the  
18 Fiduciary now has control. Because the Fiduciary in this case was empowered only to act on  
19 behalf of the non-ERISA "Employer's Mutual Plans," his unopposed legal analysis was  
20 inapposite and his purported extension of authority over the independent EWBP's is unauthorized  
21 and illegitimate.

22 Along with the misleading legal memorandum, the Fiduciary simultaneously submitted a  
23 form of Order that perpetuated this error. That proposed Order was adopted *in toto* by the Court  
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1 with no analysis regarding the propriety of extending the Fiduciary's power over the separate and  
2 distinct EWBP's. Defendants submit this was likely an oversight caused, in part, by the crafting  
3 of the Fiduciary's motion and supporting memorandum, which first blurred the distinction  
4 between the EM Plans and the EWBP's and then collectively and misleadingly referred to both as  
5 "the Plans" as if they were one and the same throughout the remainder of the moving papers and  
6 proposed Order, when in fact, the EM Plans and EWBP's are separate and distinct.

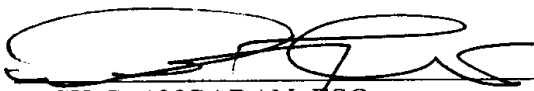
7 As a result, the Fiduciary, standing in the shoes of Employer's Mutual, LLC and the other  
8 fraudulent EM entities, now sues these Defendants to recover as "assets" of "the Plans," the  
9 unpaid claims to the EWBP's, which the fraudulent Employer's Mutual entities, themselves,  
10 caused. Those contract and tort claims rightfully belong to the employers who established those  
11 plans and to their employees and unpaid care providers. Each of those claims, if brought against  
12 one of these particular defendants, could be subject to particular defenses unique to the  
13 relationship between the Defendant and Plaintiff. But the Fiduciary lacks standing to assert these  
14 causes of action against these Defendants and his claims should be dismissed.

## 15 CONCLUSION

16 The instant litigation should be dismissed because the Independent Fiduciary lacks  
17 standing to assert the contract and tort based causes of action as alleged, the legal right to which,  
18 if any, properly resides with the individuals harmed by the fraudulent conduct of the Employer's  
19 Mutual entities, presently represented by the Fiduciary.

20 The Fiduciary should immediately wind up the affairs of the fraudulent Employer's  
21 Mutual entities and make pro rata distribution to its unpaid claim holders pursuant to the Order  
22 of preference set forth in the Quasi-Bankruptcy Order before further squandering its remaining  
23 scarce resources pursuing illegitimate claims beyond the scope of his Fiduciary authority.

1 DATED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2003.

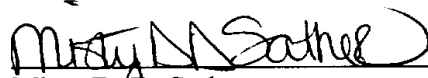
  
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